Consultative Committees of various railways;

(b) if so, by when these Committees are likely to be set up; and

(c) whether Government propose to include retired Government servants who are social workers also in the newly constituted Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committees and Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committees and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Efforts are being made to constitute these Committees as early as possible.

(c) No. Sir. There is no such proposal since the constitution of these Committees does not specifically provide for inclusion of such a category of members.

Foreign Companies engaged in Export of Indian Workers

*79. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Indian and Foreign Companies exporting Indian workers to foreign countries;

(b) the number of workers exported by each of these companies during the last three years, and the number put of them working abroad and the number of them who were sent back;

(c) whether these companies export the workers on the pretext of completing their own jobs, but put them on jobs of other companies and extract huge amounts as commissions

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take any action against such companies; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) As per the provisions of the Emigration Act, 1983, recruitment of a citizen of India for employment in any country or place outside India can be made (a) through a recruiting agent competent to make such recruitment and (b) on the basis of a permit issued to the Employer under the provisions of Act. At present 1470 recruiting agents are registered with the Protector General of Emigrants. In addition, 86 project exporters have obtained permits from time to time for exporting workers. Details regarding the number of workers recruited for export by each agent/Permit holder are not readily available. However, the total number of workers, to whom emigration clearance was given in the last three years, is as follows:—

1987 . . .	1·25 lakhs
1988 . . .	1·70 lakhs
1989 . . .	1·26 lakhs]

As per the information available, no complaint has come to notice where workers exported by a Project Exporter have been surreptiously switched over from one employer to another.

Amendment to prevention of cruelty to Animals Act 1890

*80. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for amending the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1890; and